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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 2, 3, 5, and 16 through 20.

Please amend Claims 1, 6, 7, 10, and 13 as follows:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A foil bag comprising:
flattened and optionally side folded foil bag portions;
a sealed bottom;
a number of punched openings in the vicinity of the upper edges of the foil bag to be unfolded, whereby a bundle of foil bags are configured to be supported by a foil bag opening machine having a pin support; and
one or more openings being located adjacent to the upper edge and having a diameter which is substantially equal or even greater than the external pin diameter of the support, and wherein ~~at least one of the front flat foil bag portion portions~~ has one or more incisions between the upper edge and at a certain distance from the opening, wherein,
the incision is extending from the upper edge to the said opening, in such a way that an essentially straight continuous incision is provided between the opening and the upper edge in a circumferential direction, in such a way that during the opening process of the folded foil bag during a first step the front of the flat folded foil bag portion is configured to be pulled off the pin support and consequently during a second step the rearward flat foil bag portion is configured to be pulled off from the pin support in such a way that the incisions will remove the adherence of the foil bag portions by introducing additional air between the opposite adhering foil bag portions so that the foil bag is completely and easily opened starting from the front flat foil bag portion wereafter the rearward flat foil bag portion is pulled off further from the pin support.
2. **(Cancelled).**
3. **(Cancelled).**
4. **(Previously Presented)** A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein the rearward flat foil bag portion has no incisions extending from the upper edge to the opening.
5. **(Cancelled).**
6. **(Currently Amended)** A foil bag according to claim ~~5~~ 1, wherein the front side folds have openings and incisions similar to the front flat foil bag portion.

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7. **(Currently Amended)** A foil bag according to Claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, wherein the rearward side folds have openings and incisions similar to the rearward flat foil portion.

8. **(Previously Presented)** A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein at least one incision extends in a radial direction with respect to the circular opening.

9. **(Previously Presented)** A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein at least one incision comprises a continuously punched cut.

10. **(Currently Amended)** A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein at least one incision is formed from punched cuttings ~~or perforation~~.

11. **(Previously Presented)** A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein the opening is of a polygonal shape and comprises incisions extending in a circumferential direction around the opening.

12. **(Previously Presented)** A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein the internal circumferential border of the opening is provided with an amount of polygonal modular shapes, in such a way that the required shear and tensile movement of the foil bag is promoted from the point of connection with respect to the pin support.

13. **(Currently Amended)** A foil bag according to Claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1, wherein at least one incision located at a minimum distance from the external circumference has a straight shape.

14. **(Previously Presented)** A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein at least one incision is at least partly formed as a punched opening.

15. **(Previously Presented)** A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein the upper edge of the foil bag is perpendicular and has straight incisions which extend from said upper edge to the external circumference of the opening and further extend beyond the lower circumferential edge over a length of at least a few mm to about 2 cm.

16. – 20. **(Cancelled)**.